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BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

In the Matter of)
JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O.)
Holder of License No. 1643 for)
the Practice of Osteopathic)
Medicine in the State of Arizona.)
PROBATION ORDER AND
STIPULATION

This matter having come on regularly for informal interview before the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery on the 9th day of November, 1987, the licentiate, JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O. holder of License No. 1643 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, being duly noticed and appearing in person, and the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery having conducted its informal interview of the licentiate and having afforded the licentiate an opportunity to be heard on the issues before it, and having considered all the material evidence in the matter, and being fully advised, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

II

JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O., is the holder of License No. 1643 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

III

JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O. admits to a narcotic abuse problem.

IV

JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O. has completed an inpatient chemical dependency treatment program at Sedona Villa.

V

JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O., over a period of at least two years, prescribed narcotics for various individuals for other than therapeutic purposes.

VI

JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O., over a period of at least two years, fraudulently prescribed narcotics in the name of individuals when the narcotics were actually for his own use.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

VII

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over the licensee pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1803 and 32-1855.

VIII

The conduct of JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O. described in Paragraph III through VI above constitutes unprofessional conduct as the term is defined in ARS§32-1854.A.5, habitual intemperance in the use of narcotic drugs, ARS§32-1854.A.6., prescribing, dispensing or administering controlled substances or prescription only drugs for other than accepted therapeutic purposes, and ARS§32-1854.A.23, use of controlled substances or prescription-only drugs unless provided by a medical practitioner, as defined in #32-1901, paragraph 34, as part of a lawful course of treatment.

VII

Grounds exist under A.R.S. §32-1855 to take disciplinary action against JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O. be and hereby is placed on probation for a minimum of 3 years under the following terms and conditions:

1. Practitioner shall attend a minimum of 5 AA meetings per week and shall keep a log of his attendance at these meetings.
2. Practitioner shall select a sponsor by December 1, 1987.
3. Practitioner shall enroll in a Board approved aftercare program.
4. Practitioner shall submit to random biological fluid drug screens upon request by the Board or its designee.
5. Practitioner shall appear before the Board upon reasonable notice.
6. Practitioner shall bear the cost of compliance with this Order.
8. Practitioner must comply with all the statutes and rules and regulations of the Board.
9. If Practitioner should fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, then the Board may immediately suspend License No. 1643 issued to JAMES R. SKINNER, D.O., provided, however, that Practitioner shall be entitled to a subsequent hearing before the Board concerning only the issue of whether the terms of this Order have been violated.

10. Any violation of the Board's statutes, rules and regulations subsequent to this Order may be the basis for further disciplinary action.

ENTERED and effective this 9th day of November, 1987.

ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By

Richard Darby, D.O.
Vice President

By

Mary L. Tucker
Executive Director

I have reviewed the above Order of Probation and stipulate thereto.

James R. Skinner, D.O.